

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES CERTIFICATION SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION CENTER TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE FLORIDA



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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DOD SERVICE COMPONENTS AND AIR FORCE MAJCOMS

FROM: HQ AFCESA/CEXF 139 Barnes Drive Suite 1 Tyndall AFB FL 32403-5319

SUBJECT: Wildland Fire Fighter I/II Reciprocity Policy

- 1. The reciprocity policy found in attachment 1 of this package was developed to recognize past experience and training for personnel who have previously held National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG) certifications and have been assigned Fire and Emergency Services Wildland Fire Fighter duties.
- 2. To avoid having your package returned for correction, please follow the guidelines and format in the attachments.
- 3. If you have any questions concerning these requirements and procedures, please contact Mr. Robert J. Coonce at DSN 523-6221, or by email cdchelp@tyndall.af.mil.

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Attachment:

- 1. Wildland Fire Fighter I & II Reciprocity Policy Guidance
- 2. Sample Cover Letter

ATTACHMENT 1 WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTER I/II FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES CERTIFICATION SYSTEM RECIPORCITY **PROVISION**

The DoD Fire and Emergency Services Certification System Administration Center announces the Wildland Fire Fighter I/II certification courses. These courses have been accredited by both IFSAC and Pro Board and have been issued by A4/7 Air University as CDC 10511W and 10512W.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has determined that the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) training requirements are equivalent to those of NFPA 1051 Standards for Wildland Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications. Due to NFPA's determination that NWCG is equivalent training, the DoD Administration Center has adopted a modified reciprocity policy for Wildland Fire Fighter Certifications.

The purpose of this correspondence is to issue a Wildland Fire Fighter I/II reciprocity policy. The following policy, which enables us to recognize the training and experience from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) that currently exists, will be observed for all current DoD employees covered by the DoD Fire and Emergency Services Certification System.

Note 1: To receive DoD Wildland Fire Fighter I Certification, the candidate must provide a copy of a current First Aid First Responder certification, proof of NWCG course completion for the

following courses, and pack test results for the position.

DoD Certification Level	NWCG Equivalent	NWCG Courses Required for
(IFSAC/ProBoard)		Reciprocity
Wildland Fire Fighter I	Wildland Fire Fighter Type II	S-130 Firefighter Training
(10511W Career Development		S-190 Introduction to
Course)		Wildland Fire Behavior
		I-100 Introduction to the
		Incident Command System

Note 2: To receive DoD Wildland Fire Fighter II Certification, the candidate must provide proof of NWCG course completion for all WLFF I above and must provide a copy of a current First Aid First Responder certification, proof of NWCG course completion for the following courses,

a signed task book, and pack test results for the position.

DoD Certification Level	NWCG Equivalent	NWCG Courses Required for
(IFSAC/ProBoard)		Reciprocity
Wildland Fire Fighter II	Wildland Fire Fighter Type I	S-131 Fire Fighter Type I
(10512W Career Development		Training
Course)		S-211 Portable Pumps and
		Water Use
		S-212 Wildland Fire Chain
		Saws
		S-133, Look Up, Look Down,
		Look Around or,
		S-290 Intermediate Wildland
		Fire Behavior

Package Submittal: Certification packages can be submitted to the DoD Administration Center one of three ways; electronic e-mail, fax or mail: Remember, you must register your package submission in the Mail Tracker System.

- a. **Electronic e-mail:** Certification packages can be scanned and e-mail to <u>afcesa.dodcert@tyndall.af.mil</u>. If packages are too large to be sent in one document they will need to be sent in the mail.
- b. Faxed: Certifications packages can be faxed to (850) 387-1476.

c. **Mailed to:** HQ AFCESA/CEXF 139 Barnes Drive, Suite 1

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ATTACHMENT 2 SAMPLE CERTIFICATION REQUEST

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AFCESA/CEXF

Fill in applicable date

FROM: Provide your complete organizational mailing address here

SUBJECT: Wildland Fire Fighter I/II Reciprocity Certification Request

1. The following candidates have successfully completed all the NWCG training requirements to become certified at the Wildland Fire Fighter I/II level in accordance with NFPA 1051 and as outlined in the reciprocity policy guidance letter.

Full NameSSANCert Level Being RequestedSmith, John H.123-45-6789WLFF IDoe, John D.987-65-4321WLFF I/II

2. If you have any questions concerning this package, please contact my POC (Insert the POC's name, DSN phone number and email address).

Fire Chief's Signature Block/Signature (No other signature will be accepted)

Attachment:

- 1. Copies of NWCG Course, Pack Test Results, and FA/FR Card
- 2. Mail Tracking Number